

DEFINITIONS

BIRTHS

APGAR SCORE - A system of scoring (10 is the best and 0 is the worst) the physical condition of an infant one minute and five minutes after birth. The conditions tested include the heart rate, respiration, muscle tone, response to stimuli, and color.

BIRTH ORDER - The number of live born children, including the current birth.

BIRTH RATE - The number of live births per 1,000 population.

FERTILITY RATE - The number of births per 1,000 women, age 15 to 44 years.

LENGTH OF PREGNANCY - The duration of gestation, in completed weeks, as calculated from the first day of the last normal menses to the date of birth.

LIVE BIRTH - The complete expulsion or extraction of a product of conception from its mother, irrespective of the period of gestation, which, after such separation, breathes or shows any other evidence of life such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles, whether or not the umbilical cord has been cut or the placenta is attached and is reportable.

LOW-WEIGHT BIRTH - A live born infant weighing 5 1/2 pounds or less.

NON-MARITAL BIRTH RATE - The number of out-of-wedlock births per 1,000 live births.

DEATHS

AGE-ADJUSTED DEATH RATE - A weighted averaging of a crude death rate according to a standard age distribution. An age-adjusted death rate represents what the crude death rate would be if the population for which the rate is adjusted and the standard population had the same age distribution. This procedure allows for the comparison of death rates among populations having different age distributions. The death rates in this report have been adjusted according to the age distribution of the U.S. population in 1990.

CRUDE DEATH RATE - The number of deaths from all causes per 1,000 population.

FETAL DEATH - Death prior to the complete expulsion or extraction of a product of conception from its mother, irrespective of the duration of pregnancy. Until the pregnancy has reached 20 weeks duration, it is not required that such a death be reported.

FETAL DEATH RATE - The number of fetal deaths per 1,000 live births.

INFANT DEATH - Death of a person under one year of age.

MATERNAL DEATH - Death attributable to delivery or the complications of pregnancy, childbirth or the puerperium.

MATERNAL DEATH RATE - The number of maternal deaths per 100,000 live births.

NEONATAL DEATH - Death of a person under 28 days of age.

OCCURRENCE - The location in which an event takes place irrespective of the usual residence of persons involved.

RESIDENCE - A person's usual place of abode. This means, in general, the place where one lives and sleeps most of the time. However, when usual residence is in a nursing home or other institution, residence is considered the place where the person lived prior to admission to the institution.